FISHING



FISHING LICENSES

- Fishing at all three City reservoirs requires a valid Maryland State Fishing License.
- Fishing licenses are available at most Maryland sporting goods stores.
- Persons under 16 do not require fishing licenses.
- No fishing fees are charged by Baltimore City or Baltimore County.

SEASONS AND TIMES

- The reservoirs are open sunrise to sunset year-round.
- Bank fishing is allowed at City reservoirs year-round.
- Boat fishing is allowed at Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs March 1st to December 31st.
- Boat fishing is allowed at Loch Raven Reservoir April 4th to November 30th (limited schedule after Labor Day).

METHODS OF FISHING

- Only fishing with rod, hook and line is allowed.
- Ice fishing, bow fishing and the use of nets or other devices is prohibited.
- Fishing is allowed from rowboats, runabouts and canoes.
- Maryland State Fishing Regulations, including size and creel limits, must be obeyed at all times.
- Fishing is allowed from the south side of the Deer Park/ Nicodemus Road Bridge at Liberty Reservoir. The south side of the bridge has been retrofitted with a fishing area.

PROHIBITIONS

- No fishing from steep banks, rock cliffs or other dangerous locations.
- No fishing at designated fish refuge areas.
- No fishing from shells or kayaks.
- No fishing within 1500 feet of Prettyboy Dam.
- No fishing between Liberty Road and Liberty Dam.
- No fishing between Loch Raven Drive Bridge and the small Loch Raven Dam.
- No fishing from bridges (except designated platforms on Dulaney Valley Road Bridge at Loch Raven and on Nicodemus Road Bridge).
- The use of float tubes, chest waders or hip boots is prohibited.





LIVE BAIT

- Live aquatic bait is prohibited unless purchased from a Maryland-certified zebra mussel-free bait store.
- Anglers using live bait must possess a receipt less than 48 hours old from the certified bait store where the bait was purchased.
- This prohibition applies to all live aquatic bait, including fish that have been caught in the reservoirs.
- It is against regulations to catch fish by any means and then to use them as bait.

NOTICE

 The City may alter any regulations or prohibit fishing altogether as it sees fit to protect the reservoirs.